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Dear Mr. Bissell:

I have just received a note from Ossie Ritland telling me my assignment to General Funk in the Ballistic Missle Office for the ICBM Program is concurred in by both Generals Funk and Schriever and that Ritland concurs. Lt. Col. Lemes has been notified of this decision and is ready to take action for my assignment upon my release from the program.

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told me he had completed his PHS last week and mailed it in. I talked to Bill Yancey about and he said that SAC had STATINTL agreed to and reconfirmed Lou's transfer to our organization. As yet I have no indication as to when he will be assigned. I'm hoping I can be released about 15 - 20 November and assigned on Air Force orders immediately to the BMO. As you know General Funk is most anxious to have me as soon as possible.

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My family and I had a very nice visit with General Funk and his family last Sunday. He indicated at that time that Ossie had made General. You no doubt are aware of his promotion by now. I know we both agree that Ossie certainly is deserving of the rank.

Colonel McConnell indicated had written him regarding his position and that my release was to be not later than 1 December. I would appreciate receiving any definite information in this regard in order that I can let General Funkknow and that Lou and I can properly correlate our efforts in order that the remaining effort may continue with the proper coverage.

Here's hoping I can see you personally prior to leaving the program and that you and your family may have a truly fine Thanksgiving.